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Inventory No:	EAS.30
Historic Name:	Atwood, John House
Common Name:	Knowles - Penniman House
Address:	2645 State Hwy
City/Town:	Eastham
Village/Neighborhood:	Eastham Center
Local No:	15-009
Year Constructed:	r 1850
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	No style
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	EAS.B: Eastham Center Historic District
Designation(s):	Nat'l Register District (5/12/1999)
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood Clapboard; Vinyl Siding; Wood; Glass Foundation: Brick



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FORM B - BUILDING

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Area(s)

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Form Number

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Town

Eastham

(neighborhood or village)

2645 State Highway

Historic Name

Present Residential

Original "

Year of Construction Mid 19th Century

See Bibliography*

Form Gable-end, Side-entry
Vernacular

Architect/Builder

Major Material:

Foundation

Brick

Wall/Trim

Clapboard (Main Block)
Vinyl siding (Rear Ell)

Roof

Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures
Free-standing, Side-gable, Barn/shed

Major Alterations (with dates)
See Architectural Description.

Condition Good

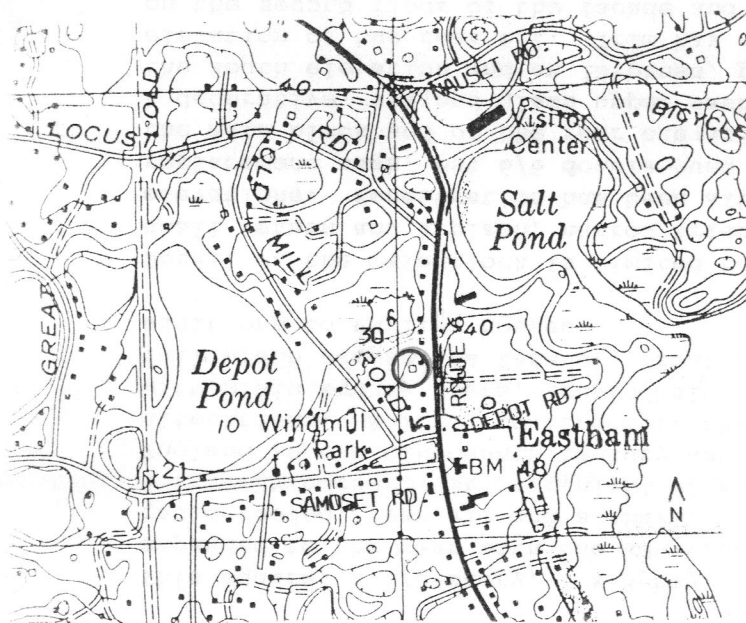
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Acreage 1.11 Acres

Setting Located in a densely-settled, mixed-use section of Route 6, the major, Cape Cod, inter-community thoroughfare, the former county road and a continuation of the original Old King's Highway.



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BUILDING FORM

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION X See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

This square, 1 1/2-story, 3 x 3-bay, gable-end, side-entry dwelling has been expanded to the rear with the addition in 1941 of a small, 1-story, gable-roofed, rear ell and a small, 1-bay, 1-story, side projection off the northwest corner. It is typical of this house form built throughout New England in the nineteenth century and like many has experienced several alterations. A long, rectangular, shallow hip-roofed, wrap-around, veranda with plain square posts, square balusters and a lattice base extends more than full width across the facade. Front porches are common turn-of-the-century additions to earlier houses.

Detail on the main block is limited to end boards, boxed, molded cornice with small return and a plain, narrow frieze, slightly wider on the side elevations. Fenestration has been altered. It principally consists of 1/1, replacement sash, but 6/6 double-hung windows remain on the second floor of the main block and on the rear elevations of the main block and rear ell. A decorative, stained glass upper sash has been installed in the west bay of the south elevation and an 18-paned, picture window is utilized on the south elevation or the rear ell. Trim has also been changed. Drip molding remains on the second floor of the facade and the rear of the first floor of the main block, but plain trim exists on the first floor of the facade and molded trim is employed on the south elevation of the main block. The main entry in the north bay of the facade consists of a late nineteenth century, wood panel, cottage door with square light set in plain trim. A tall, rebuilt chimney with corbeled cap and decorative brickwork stands just below the ridge line on the south slope of the roof which is also broken by a skylight.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE X See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

A title search has been completed on this property by Nancy Heller of the Eastham Historical Society, but little is known of the owners she identified. The first owners Mrs. Heller associates with the holding are Lucy and John Atwood of Eastham about whom no information was located in local, secondary sources. They apparently divided their property in 1864, retaining a portion and selling the remainder to Eliza Pierce (Bk. 83; Pg. 386). Two, additional owners followed over the next twelve years: Nathan and Laura P. Knowles of Cambridge (March 16, 1866, Bk. 89; Pg. 17-19) and Philip B. Cloud of Cambridge (April 1, 1876 Bk.124; Pgs. 147-149).

Although a property description is not included in the file, notes suggest a second subdivision of the Knowles property occurred in 1876 when James Penniman, a farmer, purchased the "half" of the homestead retained by Lucy and John Atwood including a house, barn and outbuildings on about 6 acres of land (July 12, 1876, Bk. 129; Pg. 313). James Penniman also purchased from

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES X See continuation sheet.

Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;
If checked, see attached National Register Criteria Statement form.

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

A small, free-standing, 1-story, 3-bay, side-gable, barn/shed with attached shed-roofed shed bay is located southwest of the dwelling. The shingled building appears to retain substantial original fabric, end boards, 6/6, double-hung sash with plain trim.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (continued)

Philip Cloud the parcel the Knowles had separated in 1864 (September 20, 1876, Bk. 130; Pg. 80-82).

Caroline Penniman, widow of James Penniman succeeded to the property and sold it in 1908 to Carrie L. Howes (Bk. 289; Pg. 490). Thereafter the property had a series of female owners: Carrie L. Howes sold in 1922 to Emma C. Stone (Bk. 387; Pg. 196); Emma C. Stone to Bertha M. Dill (January 23, 1951; Bk. 778; Pg. 25).

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